GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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AIR SERVICES BETWEEN INDIA AND CHINA
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the improved relations between India and China, there has been a spurt in the tourist traffic between the two countries;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to start air services between India and China; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a), (b) and (c): No significant increase in tourist traffic has been observed recently between India and Peoples Republic of China. Even now Air Services Agreement between India and China provides for operation of two frequencies per week by the designated carriers of both countries. However, due to lack of viable traffic, Air India does not have any plans at present to introduce direct services to China. No Chinese carrier has indicated its plan to start operation between India and Peoples Republic of China.